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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 and 48-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 and 48-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to Applicants' Amendment/Request for Reconsideration filed on January 19, 2006. Claims 42-47 have been cancelled. Claims 1-41 and 48-55 are presented for further examination. Applicants' newly added claims 56-59 are also presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims **1-41** and **48-59** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stasnick et al (hereinafter, "Stasnick", U.S. Pat. No. 6,397,264).

As per claims **1**, **17**, **22** and **23**, Stasnick discloses a communications method, computer program and apparatus for transferring electronic data to users of a communication system comprising:

- establishing a connection between a client and a host, the client including a browser application configured to render data encapsulated in a standard Internet content format (col. 6, lines 31-52);

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- receiving electronic data from the host in response to a data request transmitted from the client (col. 7, lines 18-36);
- at the client, simultaneously executing multiple instantiations of the browser application in response to the electronic data received from the host (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24); and
- wherein at least one instantiation of the browser is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claim 2, Stasnick further discloses:

- rendering a first graphical user interface within a first instantiation of the browser and rendering a second graphical user interface in a second instantiation of the browser (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claim 3, Stasnick discloses:

- establishing a communication pathway between multiple instantiations of the browser applications by executing coordinating instantiation code in each of the browser (col. 5, lines 45-50 and col. 6, lines 26-35).

As per claim 4, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the coordinating code is written in a standard Internet content format (col. 5, lines 45-50).

As per claim 5, Stasnick further discloses:

- establishing communications session in a first instantiation of the browser (col. 9, lines 14-35).

As per claim 6, Stasnick further discloses:

- controlling the communications session in the first instantiation of the browser (col. 9, lines 14-35).

As per claim 7, Stasnick further discloses:

- displaying content associated with the session in a second instantiation of the browser application (col. 9, lines 14-35).

As per claim 8, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the data request is transmitted using an OSP client application (col. 4, lines 41-50).

As per claim 9, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the data request is transmitted using the browser application (col. 6, lines 26-45).

As per claim 10, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the browser application is embedded within an OSP application (col. 4, lines 41-50).

As per claim 11, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the standard Internet content format comprises at least one HTML, CSS and Java Script (col. 5, lines 45-50).

As per claim 12, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first instantiation of the browser comprises a welcome screen (col.8, lines 48-64).

As per claim 13, Stasnick discloses:

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- wherein the first instantiation of the browser comprises a toolbar (col. 7, lines 40-67).

As per claim 14, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first instantiation of the browser comprises an electronic mail window (col. 8, lines 34-47)

As per claim 15, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein a first instantiation of the browser comprises an instant messaging window (col. 8, lines 34-47).

As per claim 16, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first instantiation of the browser comprises a search window (col. 9, lines 14-29).

As per claim 18, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the computer readable medium comprises a disc (col. 3, lines 14-21).

As per claim 19, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the computer readable medium comprises a client device (col. 3, lines 34-37).

As per claim 20, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the computer readable medium comprises a host device (col. 3, lines 34-37).

As per claims 24 and 25, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein each instantiation of the browser application is configured to exchange messages with at least one other instantiation of the browser application (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claims 26 and 29, Stasnick discloses:

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- wherein the messages exchanged between instantiations of the browser application include state information (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claims **27** and **30**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the messages exchanged between instantiations of the browser application include session content (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claims **28** and **31**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the messages exchanged between instantiations of the browser application include communication parameters for maintaining connection between instantiations of the browser application (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claims **32** and **34**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first instantiation of the browser application is dedicated to providing a first online service and at least one other instantiation of the browser application is dedicated to providing a second and different online service (col. 5, lines 45-50 and col. 6, lines 26-35).

As per claims **33** and **35**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first online service is an OSP service and the second online service is an instant messaging service (col. 4, lines 41-50 and col. 8, lines 34-47).

As per claims **36** and **38**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein a first instantiation of the browser application is configured to receive content from a second instantiation of the browser application, said content being stored on a server that is not otherwise configured to communicate with the first instantiation of the browser application (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

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As per claims **37** and **39**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the first instantiation of the browser application is configured for email, the second instantiation is configured for instant messaging and the server is an instant messaging server (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claim **40**, Stasnick discloses:

- receiving content request messages from the at least one other instantiation of the browser application, and communication the content request messages to the host (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claim **41**, Stasnick discloses:

- receiving content from the host in response to the content request messages, and delivering the content to the respective other instantiations of the browser application that sent the content request messages (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

As per claims **48**, **50**, **52** and **54**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein executing multiple instantiations comprises executing multiple multi-windowed browser application instantiations (col. 9, lines 14-35).

As per claims **49**, **51**, **53** and **55**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein executing multiple instantiations comprises executing multiple single-windowed browser application instantiations (col. 9, lines 14-35).

As per claims **56**, **57**, **58** and **59**, Stasnick discloses:

- wherein the messages include data received from the host (col. 8, lines 65-67 and col. 9, lines 1-24).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-41 and 48-59 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T. Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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